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*"Celebrating 30 Years of
Helping People Help Themselves"*

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DENTAL CLINIC STANDS ON ITS OWN

During the summer, the Junior League of Midland turned over the Children's Dental Clinic to Casa de Amigos, although it will continue partial funding for the next three years. The program has consistently provided dental care for the underprivileged children of Midland since 1954.

Organization for the clinic has always been provided by the Junior League of Midland through several of its annual placements for members. Dentists volunteer their services with school nurses making the referrals. The only change now will be that Casa de Amigos is organizing the clinic.

An open house was held in August to kick off the fall semester. Dinah Doggett, Dental Services Coordinator, reports an average of twelve children per week are being treated by volunteer dentists and hygienists. Currently 18 dentists and 5 hygienists are volunteering at least twice a year.

Some dentists prefer to see patients in their office and also save supplies and equipment for the clinic. The Children's Dental Clinic is held every Tuesday and Thursday night from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. A referral and appointment is needed.

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Another program of the dental clinic is the Adult Extraction Clinic begun last spring at Casa. Dr. Larry Rusk volunteers one Saturday a month, along with his wife and two daughters, to see approximately 15 patients per month. Since this clinic is specifically for extracting teeth, Dinah screens patients to determine qualification. Screenings are scheduled Monday and Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 11:00.

Casa de Amigos also has an Adult Dental Hygiene program which provides free service to anyone who would like their teeth cleaned or needs x-rays. Transportation for 12 patients is provided every Thursday to the Howard College School of Dental Hygiene in Big Spring where the patients are treated by students.

No appointment is needed for the screenings held on Thursday mornings at 10.

"A goal of dental services at Casa is to have a full time dentist and a program to restore teeth and dental appliances," says Dinah. "We offer a very good service to people who can't get help anywhere else...and they are always grateful."

Of course, these services would not be available if it weren't for the wonderful dental volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering or donating equipment/supplies, please call our office at 682-9701.

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UNITED WAY 1994-95 CAMPAIGN KICKS-OFF!

United Way has only an annual fund-raising campaign, yet they work year-round to solve problems in our community. The 1994-95 General Campaign kicked off at the Midland Center on September 21st where over 30 Midland companies reported more than \$775,000 pledged during the pilot campaign. United Way organizers are hopeful the local community will "Tune In" and help reach this year's goal of \$2,731,000.



OPEN HOUSE ANNOUNCED

Casa de Amigos is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year! Since its humble beginnings with just a few classes and a handful of people in a small former grocery store building in 1964, Casa de Amigos has always been dedicated to "Helping People Help Themselves." Plan to join us at an open house on Thursday, November 17, 4:00-6:30 p.m., to celebrate our past and future. Tours and refreshments will be provided!

NEW STAFF AT CASA

Casa de Amigos is delighted to announce the hiring of Ludivina Navarro as Community Relations Coordinator. Ludi was raised in Odessa, graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, and has worked in the non-profit sector for the past five years in Dallas and Austin.

Also, new to Casa de Amigos recently are Mary Salinas, day receptionist; Juanita Castilleja, evening receptionist; Delia Ortega, Family Literacy Early Childhood Assistant II; and Amanda Taylor, Homemaker III for Citywide Community Services.

PROGRAMS

EDUCATION

FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM IS ONE YEAR OLD!

Happy Birthday to Casa's Family Literacy Program! We are happy to report 20 families are currently enrolled with 11 of those returning from last year. The program is designed to involve parents in their child's education to break the intergenerational cycle of illiteracy. Sylvia Rose, Parent Educator, states that many parents have discovered skills and talents they weren't aware of. Parents are required to enroll in parenting skills and Adult Basic Education classes held Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. while the children are involved in an early childhood program that focuses on preparing them for school. "We would like the families to participate for the entire four-year cycle and follow-up after the child is in the 3rd or 4th grade to see what the results are," says Gina McDaniel, Director of Education.

SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES

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The sixteenth of September was celebrated with an outdoor family event in Casa's east parking lot. A group of young mariachis and a live band provided lively entertainment. Participants in the Senior Citizen Activities program prepared food and drinks for the occasion and raised \$200 by raffling off a quilt. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up and take down. We hope to see you at the Halloween costume dance on October 28th!



GOSPELFEST '94

The fourth annual Gospelfest was held Friday, July 29th at the Midland Center to benefit Citywide Community Services. \$2,250 was raised to assist low income elderly and disabled individuals maintain safe and inhabitable living environments in their homes.

SOCIAL SERVICES

SCHOOL CLOTHES/SUPPLIES GIVEAWAY

The 9th annual School Clothes/ Supplies Giveaway was held on August 3 and 4 to prepare needy children for school. This year, 590 children from 210 families were helped. A BIG thanks to all the volunteers who helped organize the giveaway and to everyone who donated clothes and supplies! A special thanks to KMart and Sam's Club for offering discounts on school supplies to be donated to Casa de Amigos.


COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE SCHEDULED

This year's Coats for Kids Drive will be held during the entire month of October. Please drop off new or used coats for children or adults at any of the Texas National Bank locations, Midland National Bank lobby, Sam's Club, Walmart Supercenter, the Library branch at Midland Park Mall, or Cattleman's Steakhouse.



INFORMATION AND REFERRAL MIDLAND receives more than 400 calls per month from individuals who need information about available resources for their need. Call **697-HELP (697-4357)** to ask for assistance!

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